

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-20 (Cancelled)

21. (New) An adapter to read and operate SmartCards, said system comprising:

a housing adapted to receive a smart card and having a pinout arrangement adapted to interface with a PCMCIA socket; and

a circuit adapted to control selected signal lines of said pinout arrangement to permit a smart card controller to read and operate said smart card through said PCMCIA socket.

22. (New) An adapter as claimed in claim 21, wherein said pinout arrangement of said second expansion card comprising a PCMCIA Type II/III pinout arrangement.

23. (New) An adapter to read and operate Smart Cards, said system comprising:

an integrated controller comprising a first circuit for detecting said Smart Card, a second circuit enabled by said first circuit for operating said Smart Card, and a third circuit enabled by said first and second circuits to provide communication between said Smart Card and a bus controller logic using conventional PC card communication protocols; and

an adapted enabled to provide operability of Smart Card in a PCMCIA type II/III socket.

24. (New) A system as claimed in claim 23, wherein said passive adapter comprising a circuit and a connector, said circuit connected to said connector and adapted to operate said first expansion card and to generate signals operable through said socket.

25. (New) A system as claimed in claim 23, wherein said first expansion card type comprising a Smart Card.

26. (New) A system as claimed in claim 23, wherein said first expansion card type comprising a flash memory card.

27. (New) A system as claimed in claim 23, wherein said socket having a pinout arrangement comprising a PCMCIA Type II/III pinout arrangement.